September, 1993 by the General Manager, Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, South area-I; and

(f) the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. The CMD MTNL is responding to letters written by the Members of Parliament.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) No. of letters received from MPs during last three years are as under:

1992	1993	1993-94 (upto 30-11-94)
402	198	122

All the letters have been duly acknowledged. The Hon'ble MPs have also been informed of the position and measures taken on their requests/suggestions/complaints etc. except in 3 cases which are pending finalisation.

(d) Pending 3. Replies being finalised.

(e) Number of letters received by GM (South) from the subscribers during September, 1993 in MTNL Delhi and Mumbai are as under:

Delhi — 8632

Mumbai — 364

South-I area in Delhi was not existing in September, 1993. Hence above figures have been given for combined South area of Delhi. In Bombay South-I area has not been formed and there is only South area.

(f) These letters mainly relate to complaints of faulty telephones, provisioning and billing matters. All the above letter* have been attended to and necessary action has been taken.

Tender for new Telephone Lines

1919. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU :

Will he Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that multinational corporations with strong support from their domestic banks agreed to fulfil the requirements of the new lines tender of leasing/ deferred payments; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the C-DOT which also entered the race were denied by the Indian Financial Institutions to provide similar backup support of fulfilling such conditions of the tender ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) In the tender for financing of telecom projects opened on 15-6-1994 only registered Indian Companies were eligible to bid. Only two large digital switch suppliers have quoted in this finacing tender, one of them being M/s. Indian Telephone Industries Ltd.

(b) Many C-DOT technology based equipment manufacturers have participated in this tender. Utilisation of financial offers based on requirements of the Department in terms of equipment and availability of funds, is being processed.

This Ministry is not aware of the negotiations between the bidders in this tender and their financiers.

Amendment to Indian Telegraph Act

1920. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHE SHWAR!: Will the Minister of COM MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to amend the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 to end the current monopoly of Doordarshan and All India Radio ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign Companies' Low Offer for Indian Market

1921. SHRl NILOTPAL BASU : Will tiie Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AT&T accouont for 42% of its domestic market Seimens 83% for the German market and Ericsson 100% Swedish market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the price of offering lines by AT&T in the home country in 1992 was $110, that of Alcatel $325, Fijitsu $290 and Seimens $450;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the same companies are quoting prices varying between $100 and $140 for the international market;

(d) whether it is also a fact that these companies are prepared to offer still lower prices of $80 for the Indian market;

(e) if so, whether it implies that the international operation and their possible Indian operation, is essentially subsidised by the high degree of profits in their domestic markets to allow them initial to hold for capturing the Indian market; and

(f) whether it is a fact that if their endeavour to firmly entrench themselve* in

the Indian market succeeds it will have to be essentially at the cost of indigenous manufactures and designers like C-DOT, ITI etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) Market share of various companies for different telecom equipments and services varies according to the items, policies and procedures followed by each country.

The price offered by any company depends upon the technical specifications and configurations of the equipment.

Department of Telecommunications purchases telecom equipment from the companies registered in India based on open tenders, on rupee payment

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Licences for Local Radio Loop*

1922. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether licences are proposed to be given to Operators for Local Radio Loops for providing basic telecom services; and

(b) if so, what will be the effect of such a move on the tariff structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) National Telecom. Policy guidelines permit licensing of one private service operator per Telecom. Circle to operate the basic telecom, services in addition to D.O.T. Local Radio loops technology, which is of recent origin could be one of the available options.

(b) The effect of such a move on tariff structure can be assessed only when the manufacturing base for such technology stabilizes which is not the case at present.

C-DOT Switches

1923. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

WUl the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Germans have a national switch in the Siemens, the Japanese have in the NEC and Fujitsu, the Swedes have in Ericsson and the French in Alcatel;

(b) if so, whether Government are consdering to evolve the C-DOT switches a* the national switch for the country given the impressive record of these switches in the divers and different Indian terrain particularly the rural areas:

(c) if so, what sort of support Government envisage for extending that to the Research and Development efforts in C-DOT; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

IHE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Government is not aware of any classification as a national switch by Germans, Japanese, Swedes and the French.

(d) Does not arise in view of V above, ed widely in the country's network.

(c) Government extends full support to R&D efforts of C-DOT.

(d) Does not arise in view of 'c' above.

बालिया, तालुका स्थित डाकघर में पोस्ट कार्डों की कमी

1924. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला** : क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दक्षिणी गुजरात में विशेष रूप से बालिया तालुका स्थित डाकघर में पोस्टकार्ड उपलब्ध नहीं हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा अक्तूबर, 1994 तक उक्त डाकघर को कुल कितने पोस्टकार्ड उपलब्ध कराये गये थे ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) :

(क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जनवरी, 1994 से अक्तूबर, 1994 तक विभाग द्वारा उक्त डाकघर को 54,000 पोस्टकार्ड उपलब्ध कराए गए थे ।

अनुसूचित जनजातियों वाले क्षेत्रों में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन

1925. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला** : क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 5000 से अधिक जनसंख्या वाले क्षेत्र में अनुसूचित जनजातियों हेतु एक सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन लगाये जाने का कोई प्रावधान है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उत्तर प्रदेश में लगाये गए ऐसे टेलीफोनों की जिलावार संख्या कितनी-कितनी है; और

(ग) प्रत्येक जिले के लिए अगामी वर्ष हेतु क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) से (ग) नई दूरसंचार नीति के अंतर्गत वर्ष